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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 4 as follows:

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1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for laser annealing a part comprising the steps of:

providing automated tooling;

providing a laser;

providing an aluminum sheet panel having an upstanding flange with a radial bend therebetween to be annealed;

moving either one of the laser or aluminum sheet panel by the automated tooling relative to a stationary one of the other laser or aluminum sheet panel; and;

supplying power to the laser to heat a ~~portion~~ the radial bend of the aluminum sheet panel to a predetermined temperature to anneal the ~~portion~~ radial bend of the aluminum sheet panel as the laser and aluminum sheet panel move relative to each other.

2. (CANCELED)

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said step of providing the aluminum sheet panel comprises providing an aluminum sheet panel having a thickness of about one millimeter to about three millimeters.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said step of providing the aluminum sheet panel comprises providing an aluminum sheet panel having a radial bend of about five millimeters.

5. (CANCELED)